

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the subject application.

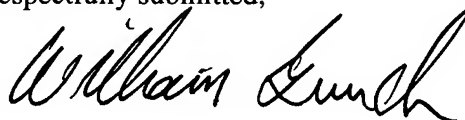
Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,296,937 (hereinafter Pryor et al.). Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection in view of the previously submitted Terminal Disclaimer and Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document of U.S. Patent No. 6,296,937.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-20 of Pryor et al. Applicants also request withdrawal of this rejection in view of the previous submitted Terminal Disclaimer.

Please note that the subject application is a division of U.S. Patent No. 6,607,667; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,296,937, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,447,911; which is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/786,600; now abandoned. The priority date of the subject application is prior to the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,296,937. Thus, the rejections of the subject claims, over this patent is improper, especially in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed in response to the previous Office Action.

Applicants submit that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request notification to that effect in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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